

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a transparent original reading apparatus comprising a transparent original plate on which a transparent original and a transparent original guide unit are installed, a transparent original guide unit for setting the transparent original at a predetermined position on the original plate, a light source unit settable at plural positions in contact with the transparent original guide unit and having a surface light source for illuminating the transparent original, and an image reading unit for reading an image of the transparent original through the original plate, the transparent original is urged against the original plate by the light source unit.

In order to prevent the scratching of the transparent original caused by a sliding movement of the light source unit on the original plate, the light source unit and the transparent original are positioned by the transparent original guide unit. A portion of the light source unit which is contacted with the transparent original is chamfered (R-worked) not to damage the transparent original. Further, a portion of the light source unit which is contacted with the transparent original is designed to urge the transparent original at an out of an image area of the original.